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Some Evening Reveries.

The home, be it ever so humble, is the one sweet spot to which all eyes are longingly turned, and from which all happiness radiates.

The proud boast of the old English common law was that "a man's home is his castle." The four winds of heaven might blow through its chinks and crannies, but the king himself might not cross its threshold unbidden. Only the law's stern necessity in pursuit of crime could authorize an unwelcome intrusion.

The sanctity of former times still scrupulously surrounds it, and the sacredness of its portal has been but enhanced by the advancement of civilization. The modern home needs neither towers, battlements nor bastions to protect it from the assaults of the powerful. The humblest citizen to defend his lowly shack can invoke the protecting arm of the whole nation.

The governments of all the world foster the love of home. Liberal laws are enacted with this end in view. The public domain is generally bestowed upon bona-fide settlers. The various states, without, we believe, a single exception, exempted the homes from seizure for even a just debt. In short, the protection and sacredness of the home goes side by side with that of the person. It is the commendable desire of every worthy citizen to be the owner of his own home in fee simple, and to encourage this desire have all these beneficent laws been enacted.

A true lady is as much a lady washing her dinner dishes, preparing the vegetables for dinner, cleaning the lamps and scrubbing floors, as when she is bending over her embroidery frame or easel in the pleasant sitting room. If she is so fortunate as to possess a servant she will use refined language and as gentle a voice in speaking to her as she uses in her reception room entertaining the most cultured among her friends.

Parents, do you wish for your children to love and respect you? If you do, when your child comes to you for advice, be sure to give good advice. Don't say, "Oh, go away, don't bother me; go ask your mother," or some such answer. Or if they come to their mother perhaps she says, "Go to your father; I am busy." The child will soon become afraid to ask for advice for fear of being rebuked, and it will be apt to seek advice somewhere else. If you take an interest in your children, they will take an interest in you.

"The old woman." A nice phrase to be using about the dear soul who kept her vigil over you in your infancy, kissed away your tears in childhood and remained your trusted friend in maturity. Is this all the love you have for the silver-haired mother who bathed your scorching brow all through the long sleepless nights of affliction, when your brain was wild with raging fever? Is there no other term you can find for her whose love has followed you through every trial, tribulation and misfortune of your life? Has mother, through all these years of labor, watching and waiting, been wasting her love on a worthless bunch of clay, who, in the rosy dawn of manhood, has no other term more fitting than "the old woman" by which to address or speak of his mother?

Republicans to Banquet

The annual banquet of the Association of Young Republicans of Missouri will be held next Monday night—Lincoln's birthday—at the Planters' hotel in St. Louis. Guests are invited by the executive committee through the secretary. As not all who are invited can attend, whatever plates are left are sold to good republicans who apply, and hundreds of others will be able to hear the speaking following the feast.

Banquet tickets are sold at \$2.50 each, and more than 500 plates will be laid. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, Hon. Chas. H. Thompson of Jefferson City.

The speakers at the banquet will be Gov. Deneen of Illinois, who will respond to the toast, "The Republican Party;" Gov. Hadley, who will talk about state issues; Joseph E. Black of Richmond, who will tell the boys about "That Old Sweetheart of Mine;" Edward E. Hayes, probate judge of Cape Girardeau county, who will tell about the "Passing of the Gibraltar of Democracy;" M. E. Boisseau of Warrensburg will explain why the young men of Missouri should vote the republican ticket. Mayor Kreismann of St. Louis will deliver an address of welcome, and Hon. A. W. Brewster of St. Joseph will make a heart to talk about the republican party.

The Republican Editorial association will have headquarters at the Planters' hotel during the day, in charge of the secretary, H. H. Mitchell. The state committee headquarters at 618 Holland building, three blocks from the hotel, will be open all day, and the committee will meet to take up the matter of congressional and senatorial redistricting. Party leaders from every section of the state will be present at the banquet.

Fourteen-Million-Dollar-Invention Cost Nothing

Prior to the year 1862, three separate stamps had been used by the post-office department to do the work of stamping letters. One was used to denote the date, another to denote the name of the office from which the parcel was sent, and the third was a blot to eradicate the stamp. This required the work of either three men, each with one stamp, or of one man alone, handling each stamp separately for each letter. In 1863 letters-patent were granted to Marcus P. Norton for his invention of this combined stamp, and he at once began negotiations with Montgomery Blair, then postmaster general under Abraham Lincoln. It was found to be a most urgent need, that two clerks out of every three in the stamping force could be dispensed with, saving time, labor and money, and greatly facilitating the rapid dispatch of mails, and so was immediately adopted in the service. This same patent is used to this day and always will be used. We see it every day on every letter we receive, and yet the government has never paid one cent to anyone for its use. The government has saved by its use nearly fourteen millions of dollar; the owners of the patent have expended nearly \$200,000 in their efforts to acquire their compensation for its use, but to this day it had been refused.—National Magazine.

When you meet that warm wave scheduled to spend a day next week, remember that one warm day doesn't make a summer, so don't take 'em off just yet.

A Tacoma woman enjoyed the distinction of being the first to serve on a jury with her husband. Whether her two votes were cast for acquittal or conviction was not stated.

Students to Work in Forest

Fifty thousand acres of native forest lands owned by the University of Missouri are available for the use of the newly organized forestry department of the agriculture college. On some portion of this immense area of wild land, there will be located a permanent forestry camp where students can study all the ins and outs of timber estimating, tree planting, lumbering, forest surveying, laying out of logging roads, trails and fire lines, and the making of lumber and forest working plans.

Every student who takes the forestry course at the agricultural college will be required to spend two entire semesters and one summer in the university forest. This will impart a practical working knowledge of every aspect of the profession. According to the standard recently set by the forestry schools conference at Washington, D. C., Missouri will rank as a "high grade" forestry school. There are at present less than fifteen forestry schools of equal rank in the United States.

Herbert Swabacher, a Peoria youth, worth a quarter of a million dollars, and Miss Olive J. Lucius of Brookfield, both students at the Illinois university at Champaign, Ill., eloped Monday and were married at Bloomington.

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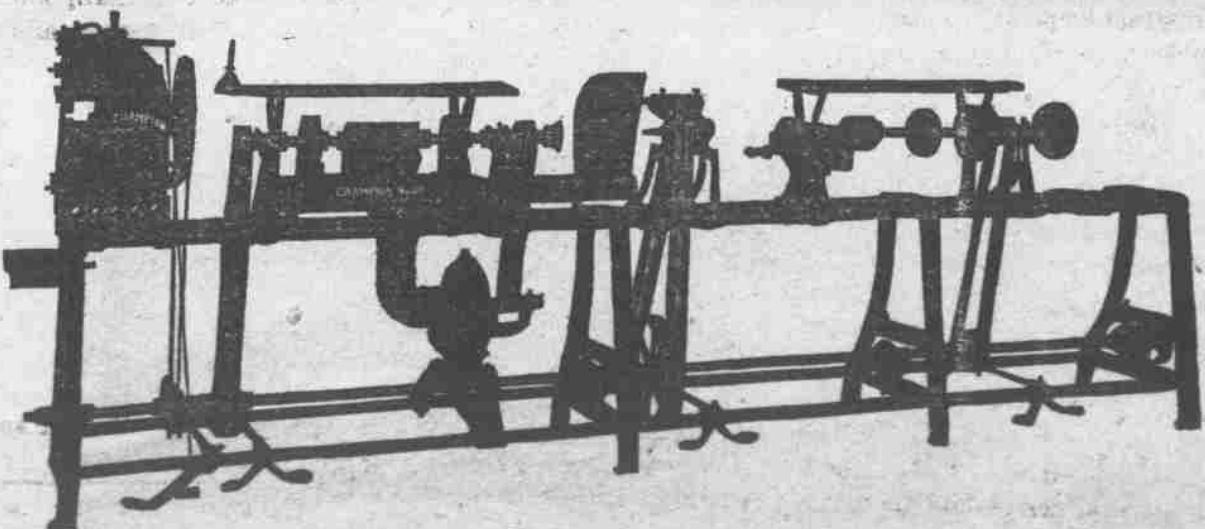
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